

"AMERICA" REVISED.

A Kansas Mother Re-writes Our National Hymn.

My country! 'tis of thee—
Once the land of liberty—
For thee we sigh,
Land where our fathers died;
Land once the pilgrim's pride,
Now from every mountain's side
Saloons arise!

My native country, thee,
Once of the noble free,
Who loved thy name,
Let all thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills,
Cry out till nature thrills
In shame! in shame!

My native country, thee,
Now sunk in infamy,
For thee we pray,
Let mortal tongues awake;
Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break,
Our land to save.

Our fathers' God! to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing,
Oh! break the tyrant's might,
Give back freedom's holy light,
Protect us from this blight,
Great God, our King.

Items from an "Old Crank."

It looks now very much as though Foghorn Funston would not get the vote of the delegation of his own county. We can find none working for him but the little fellows and the duds he has appointed postmasters.

Every old soldier in this district says no more Funston in ours. They are right.

The people of Kansas say, we do not want liquor sold in our state. Six out of the nine judges of the supreme court (four Republicans and two Democrats) say you shall have liquor sold in your state. The question is, who should have the right to determine or decide the question, the court or the people?

We have been for the past thirty years a close observer of the workings of both the United States senate and congress, but never in all those years have we even known of a speaker of the house taking an active part in manipulating and setting the party wires, as does Speaker Reed.

Speaker Reed is the very man that is responsible for the silver bill not passing, but he saved President Harrison the trouble of veto, as he would have done it under the advice and control of the gold bugs of England and Wall street. They are simply the tools of the money kings, but Mr. Harrison don't want the second term for the simple reason that Jack would not eat his supper.

The original package, under a license, or permit, from the supreme court of the United States, was opened out in full blast in this city, on the evening of the 4th, and in three hours from the time the hell-hole was opened, he, the hell-hole keeper, had taken in \$68—all cash. This money, or a large per cent. of it, was taken from men whose wives and children we know need the money, and not only them, but their creditors whom they have owed for years, should have the very money they are spending, and will spend in this murder mill or snake hole. But what can the people of Kansas do in this great country where a state has no right to do anything to keep the boys from becoming drunkards? The law makers can keep up the fight between the north and south, but when the people of a state want protection from the whisky curse they are never ready to do anything, and the same set of congressmen and senators never will.

"The Atchison Champion, the leading Republican paper in the state, is making a manly fight against Ingalls. It challenges the senator's admirers to point out when, in all his seventeen years in congress, he has done anything for Kansas. They all retire in silence when that coon drum is fired at them."—Ex.

This is just what we have been trying to have the big 7 or (9 as it is now) to do for us. We have watched Ingalls and Funston closely ever since we have been in Kansas, and we fail to know of one single thing they have done or said in

the senate or congress that has ever helped the people of Kansas. Of course the average Republican likes to have the south abused and the war fought over, and they can keep up the strife. They can both fight the south better now than they could or did during the war. But we again ask the ring boss what good has either of them done for the people of Kansas?

"Blaine is now denouncing the McKinley bill as a most unnecessary outrage on the country."—Labette County Statesman.

Yes, and Blaine is down on the silver bill. So are Harrison and Reed. So is Wall street, N. Y. So are the lords of England. So are the millionaires of this country. It is as in other things of this country—the money kings against the poor people.

There is a loud cry now that there is no money to pay the old soldier pensions, so they will have to wait a few months. Look at the following figures, then see the difference between the war bond holders and the soldiers, and remember the bond holders never have to wait. Their cash is always on time. Up to June 30, '88 there has been paid to bond holders the sum of \$3,652,000,000. Of this sum \$2,153,000,000 was paid as interest. During the same time, up to 1888, there was paid to the soldiers, all told, \$946,387,860. All the ex-soldiers of the war have been paid by the government is not more than one-fourth what has been paid the bond holders, and yet the bonds are not paid off, but the interest must be kept up. With millions laying in the United States treasury, and a government that can issue money good enough to pay men while they are in the field fighting to save the country, but not good enough for the bloated bondholder. Shame on such a government.

EXCHANGE ECHOES.

One of our citizens who was transacting business with one of the Departments at Washington desired to get the assistance of his member and wrote to his claim agent, who has practiced before the Departments for the last thirty years, to call on Mr. Funston, the representative from the Second Kansas district. The agent replied, "I don't know Mr. Funston and don't know any one who does."—Lawrence Record.

A Funston postmaster, on Grand Army day, wanted to know why Funston was honored with the chairmanship of the agricultural committee, if he is a misrepresentation. A sickly-looking man, with a staff in his hand and a G. A. R. badge on the lapel of his coat said, "Because he was pledged to vote for Cannon as speaker and changed it to Reed." The Funston postmaster had business in another part of the grounds.—Ottawa Republican.

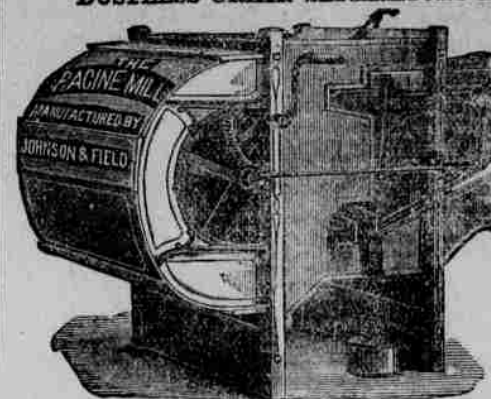
Senator Ingalls has just been re-elected director of the Southern Kansas Mortgage company. The company's business is in a prosperous condition, foreclosures during the past year have been unusually numerous. Kansas farmers can send their congratulations along with the next installment of interest.—Emporia Republican.

A Lawrence correspondent for a Kansas City paper predicts that the papers of the second district that are opposing Funston will have to bolt if the farmer is nominated. There will be no difficulty on that score. The present congressman will not be in the race when the convention is held.—Lawrence Journal-Tribune.

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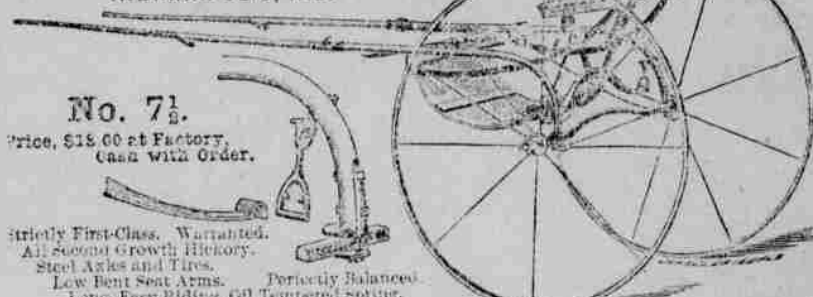
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People are looking for the settlement of the original package question by the Wilson bill now pending in the lower house of congress. It is currently reported by members of that body that there will be no difficulty in the bill passing, but those who seriously meditate on the susceptibility of some men to boodle, and the amount the National Brewers' association may throw into the scale will not take anything for granted until the vote is counted.—Hutchinson Republican.

The attempts to fasten slavery on Kansas by bulldozing methods and partisan decisions of the supreme court of the United States, failed. The effort to impose rum selling, the twin relic of that hell-born institution, upon the great commonwealth of Kansas at this enlightened period, will result disastrously to those who favor the whisky cause and are working to destroy the peace of our state and the souls of the citizens.—Coffeeville Journal.

Our old friend Milt Rynold seems to be having his eye on congressional politics, and writing to a Leavenworth paper says: "Take away Funston's foghorn voice and there is nothing left but a vast amount of superfluous adipose matter—*vox et praeterea nihil*. He is the lightest weight for a heavy body of any man I ever knew.—Ottawa Republican.

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Cash Capital.....	3,000,000.00
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